

APPEAL NO. 031695
FILED AUGUST 18, 2003

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on May 23, 2003. The hearing officer determined that the _____,¹ injury of appellant (claimant) extends to and includes "the effects of what was diagnosed as a lumbar strain occurring on or about (subsequent date of injury)." Claimant appealed only the determination that she did not sustain a new injury on (subsequent date of injury). Respondent (carrier) responded that the Appeals Panel should affirm the hearing officer's decision and order.

DECISION

We affirm.

We have reviewed the complained-of determination and conclude that the issues involved fact questions for the hearing officer. The hearing officer reviewed the record and decided what facts were established. We conclude that the hearing officer's determination is supported by the record and are not so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986). We further conclude that the record does not show that the hearing officer misapplied the law or used an improper standard in making his determinations.

¹ The hearing officer said 2001 rather than 1996, but this is clearly a typographical error.

We affirm the hearing officer's decision and order.

According to information provided by carrier, the true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**CT CORPORATION SYSTEM
350 NORTH ST. PAUL STREET
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201.**

Judy L. S. Barnes
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Veronica Lopez-Ruberto
Appeals Judge

Robert W. Potts
Appeals Judge